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## Sexuality and the US Catholic Church Wins Book Award

6/13/07--*SEXUALITY AND THE US CATHOLIC CHURCH*, CO-EDITED BY BC LAW DEAN JOHN GARVEY, HAS BEEN AWARDED FIRST PLACE IN THE CATHOLIC PRESS ASSOCIATION'S GENDER ISSUES CATEGORY.

*Sexuality and the US Catholic Church*, edited by Edited by Lisa Sowle Cahill, T. Frank Kennedy, S.J., and BC Law Dean John Garvey, has been awarded first place in the Catholic Press Association's Gender Issues category, with an honorable mention in the category of Theology. It is one of two Boston College *Church in the 21st Century* (C21) books that the CPA has honored this year.

The *Church in the 21st Century* Center was originally conceived as a two-year initiative in September 2002, to explore the problematic issues highlighted by the sexual abuse scandal in the Catholic Church. Boston College offered symposia, lectures, conferences, published papers, and other resources to assist the Church to negotiate the movement from crisis to renewal. In 2004, the University established The Church in the 21st Century Center as a permanent commitment to explore the neuralgic issues facing the Catholic Church today.

The C21 website description for *Sexuality and the US Catholic Church*:

No issue in the contemporary Church evokes more controversy than sexuality. In the wake of the clerical abuse scandals, the Catholic Church has come under intense scrutiny, criticized for being either too repressive or too lenient in its approach to human sexuality. In *Sexuality and the US Catholic Church*, Lisa Sowle Cahill, John Garvey, and T. Frank Kennedy, S.J. introduce the work of leading Catholic theologians, writers, and scholars to help ground the conversation in the tradition, identify modern-day challenges, and point to resources for the future.

### C21 Mission Statement

The Church in the 21st Century Center at Boston College seeks to be a catalyst and resource for the renewal of the Catholic Church in the United States by engaging critical issues facing the Catholic community. Drawing from both the Boston College community and others, its activities currently are focused on four challenges: handing on and sharing the Catholic faith, especially with younger Catholics; fostering relationships built on mutual trust and support among lay men and women, vowed religious, deacons, priests, and bishops; developing an approach to sexuality mindful of human experience and reflective of Catholic tradition; and advancing contemporary reflection on the Catholic intellectual tradition.